WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2902

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 4, 1986

Application of O&R MANAGEMENT)
CORPORATION for a Certificate to)
Conduct Charter Operations Pursuant)
to Contract with Montgomery County)

Case No. AP-86-35

By application filed September 2, 1986, O&R Management Corporation ("O&R" or "applicant"), seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to conduct certain charter operations pursuant to a contract with the Montgomery County, Md., Department of Transportation, Division of Transit Services ("the County"). The County selected O&R from among seven bidders responding to the County's request for proposals to provide service within Montgomery County over nine selected, existing low-ridership routes in the County's Ride-On System. These routes are identified as follows:

Route 27 (Friendship Heights to Medical Center/Bethesda); Route 37 (Potomac to Grosvenor via Tuckerman); Route 41/42 (Shady Grove Shopper Shuttle); Route 44 (Twinbrook to Rockville); Route 45 (Twinbrook to Rockshire); Route 52 (Olney to Rockville via Norbeck); and Route 68/69 (Circulator service to Germantown Train Station).

The application contains detailed specifications of the routing and schedules. All of the routes operate between points solely within Montgomery County.

O&R is currently conducting service over these routes pursuant to temporary authority from this Commission granted by Order No. 2864, served May 23, 1986, in Case No. AP-86-16. In the context of the temporary authority case, O&R has already filed the following materials which are incorporated in this Case No. AP-86-35 by reference:

- * the agreement between applicant and the County;
- * a lease covering fifteen vehicles;
- * a certificate of insurance covering those vehicles; and
- * a letter from the County's Contract Administrator that those vehicles have been inspected and approved for service.

This application contains a statement of financial condition as of June 30, 1986, and an operating statement projected for the year ending May 30, 1987, together with supporting schedules.

Pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b), this application must be scheduled for public hearing. Applicant will be required to publish in a newspaper and post in its vehicles notice of the application and hearing. Applicant will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover hearing costs pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19. Further, applicant will be required to provide detailed passenger counts by individual route for operations conducted under temporary authority through August 31, 1986.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That Case No. AP-86-35 is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence Thursday, October 2, 1986, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006
- 2. That O&R Management Corporation shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application and hearing thereon, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Wednesday, September 10, 1986.
- 3. That O&R Management Corporation shall post continuously and conspicuously from Wednesday, September 10, 1986, through Monday, September 22, 1986, in each of its vehicles operating over the affected routes, notice of this application and hearing in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
- 4. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission in writing no later than Monday, September 22, 1986, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on O&R Management Corporation, 7658 Standish Place, Suite 116, Rockville, Md. 20855.
- 5. That O&R Management Corporation is hereby assessed \$350 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact.
- 6. That O&R Management Corporation is directed to deliver to the office of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, on Tuesday, September 23, 1986, (a) its assessment (b) an affidavit of newspaper publication of notice, (c) an affidavit of posting of notice in its vehicles, and (d) detailed passenger counts by route for operations through August 31, 1986.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director